

A system and method for determining whether an action is a use of force or an armed attack under international law comprising determining the action's Severity, Immediacy, Directness, Invasiveness, Measurability, Presumptive Legitimacy, and Responsibility. Individual legal weights may also be assigned to the Severity magnitude, the Immediacy magnitude, the Directness magnitude, the Invasiveness magnitude, the Measurability magnitude, the Presumptive Legitimacy magnitude, and the Responsibility magnitude in order to calculate a composite value quantifying the consequences of the action.